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In re Patent Application of:

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For: CELL FOR MEASURING THE ABILITY TO

CONTROL THE ACTIVITY OF A LIGAND-RESPONSIVE TRANSCRIPTION CONTROL

FACTOR

Examiner: W. Schlapkohl

Confirmation No.: 8838

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated December 28, 2006, the period for replying having been extended three (3) months to June 28, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Reply includes:

Amended Set of Claims; and

Remarks.

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